



rs. Tuyer Shadel, wife of an Embassy doctor . . .

Kent Gillmore, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton H. Gillmore.

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HELEN ALTONN from war-torn Vietout most of the wive

indicated they would have oximately 170 evac-remained with their husinded on U.S. soil here bands if given a choice.

The women and children appeared worn out from the

hasty, long trip.

But morale was high and not a tear was shed as they discussed the fearful events/ in Vietnam and the fathers and friends left behind.

The Pan American charter flight was scheduled to arrive at 2 a.m., but didn't get in until 5½ hours later.

Another was to land at

2:15 p.m. with still a third

one at 10:15 a.m. tomorrow.

Five other evacuation charter flights, anticipated

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onolulu woman, Mis. Watanabe. passengers on the morning plane. She een in Vietnam for onths.

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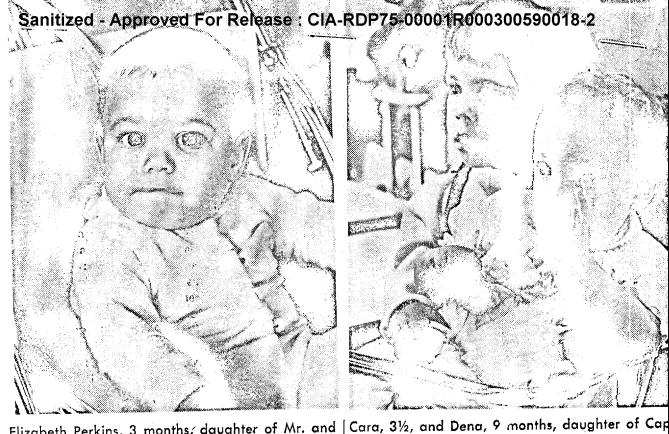
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of the women exd deep regret at leavetnam

e said the tension as bad as one might

two Vietnamese womthe group left little about the fear of their

. Thomas Lee Kilby n Vietnan .. na now an ican cilizen, said her rymen were 'a iittle ку."



Elizabeth Perkins, 3 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Perkins.

She said, "They thought the Americans would leave Vietnam and Red China would be there right away.

"We knew something was going to happen and we were waiting, but we didn't think it would happen so soon."

Mrs. Tuyet Shadel, whose husband is a doctor with the American Embassy in Victnam, said her people "are very afraid."

She added that she is frightened for her family there but, "I'm very lucky to leave."

She said the Vietnamese are "very happy to have the Americans help them."

Mrs Lois Scanlon, whose husband is with the Military Advisory Group in Saigon, said she had only been there two weeks but the tension was not bad in the city.

"I guess they (the milididn't talk much tary)

"I think we all knew we would have to be out of there so they can do what they have to do."

Mrs. Clyde O. Johnson, whose husband is a master sergeant, was ushering her three children into the crowded Customs line.

She said her youngsters, age 6 to 11, "hated to leave Saigon and hated to leave daddy. And we all hate this move very much."

Mrs. Johnson taught at the American School in Saigon and said, "The children were all crying. They didn't want to go because they had made many friends there.

"I, for one, enjoyed it very

Nevertheless, she said herfamily was in the Khindo Theatre bombing "and from then on every little thing frightened us.

"Every little boom made us afraid, but we soon got used to the big sounds."

Miss Beverly Elson also taught in the school and said she noticed that the tension since Christmas had sifted through to the youngsters' studies.

A new gymnasium had opened and functioned only was closed Monday, she said. "I understand it is now re-

Sanitized - Approved Por Release CA-R PP 5100001 R000 300 590018-2 She said the children lis- ed away from home quite of-



tain and Mrs. H. A. Shockley . . .

Mrs. Kazuo Watanabe

knew what was going on. It was impossible to conduct a nórmal class."

"I really want to go back. Everyone wanted to stay, said Mrs. John O'Reilly, whose husband is a civilian attached to the military.

Little Jennisse Jonas, 7 clutched an enormous doll and watched the activity with wide eyes.

Does she miss her dade? "A little bit," she replied, adding that she plans to write him letters when she two days before the school reaches California with her mother and three brothers.

Mrs. Jonas said her hus-

She described the move as "sudden and frighten

She said "the situation has been nerve-wracking but it took us awhile to reglize that this was it."

Robert Reardon, 13, who has lived in Saigon for three years and speaks good Vietnamese, said he had male many friends among the native children.

"I didn't want to leave un til after school," he said.
"I'm sorry to leave my friends.''

His mother, Mrs. Eugene Reardon, said the family lived in a Victnamese neighborhood and the children could sense the trouble.

"They seemed to have sense of security with American families there she said "They displayed fear with the families leaving. The departure was sad event for them."

As for herself, she added, "I would have liked to have remained with my band.''